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- The Michigan Department of Transportation found that around 20 percent of streetlights along freeways in four counties were dark due to copper theft, aging infrastructure, and a lack of replacement funds. – *Detroit News* (See item [5](#))
- The U.S. Department of Transportation announced it will send investigators to inspect and shut down bus companies found to be unsafe and in violation of regulations following recent bus accidents. – *Bloomberg News* (See item [6](#))
- The Federal Communications Commission and the Virginia State Corporation Commission blamed Verizon and the condition of equipment in their Virginia offices for the inability of roughly 2 million people to reach emergency services after a June 2012 storm. – *WBBT 12 Richmond* (See item [31](#))
- Six small fires within 2 days at a housing complex under construction at Temple University brought an investigation from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. – *Associated Press* (See item [35](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *February 15, Associated Press* – (West Virginia) **W.Va. gas worker killed in EQT well pad blast.** An employee was transferring brine when he was killed in an explosion at an EQT natural gas well pad in Taylor County. Authorities are still investigating the cause of the accident.
Source: <http://www.timesunion.com/business/energy/article/W-Va-gas-worker-killed-in-EQT-well-pad-blast-4281881.php>
2. *February 15, Associated Press* – (Louisiana) **Sheen spotted on Miss. River after 2 barges collide at Baton Rouge port; no injuries reported.** Officials are working to clean up less than 400 gallons of oil that spilled into the Mississippi River when two barges collided February 14.
Source: <http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/46913d218e5f4b48a0f2799374ec338f/LA--Barge-Collision>
3. *February 14, Associated Press* – (Ohio) **Feds charge man in Youngstown wastewater dumping case.** The owner of Hardrock Excavating LLC was charged by prosecutors after dumping more than 20,000 gallons of gas drilling waste into a river tributary January 31, a violation of the Clean Water Act.
Source: <http://www.newsnet5.com/dpp/news/state/feds-charge-man-in-youngstown-wastewater-dumping-case>

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Banking and Finance Sector

4. *February 14, Modesto Bee* – (California) **Sonora, Modesto police crack credit card fraud.** Police in Sonoma identified two individuals accused of running a credit card fraud operation, and seized equipment, receipts, and skimming devices from their residence.

Source: <http://www.modbee.com/2013/02/14/2579480/sonora-modesto-police-crack-credit.html>

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Transportation Sector

5. *February 15, Detroit News* – (Michigan) **MDOT: Thieves rob metro freeway of light.** The Michigan Department of Transportation found that around 20 percent of streetlights along freeways in Oakland, Wayne, Macomb, and St. Clair counties were dark due to copper theft, aging infrastructure, and a lack of replacement funds.
Source: <http://www.detroitnews.com/article/20130215/METRO05/302150344/MDOT-Thieves-rob-Metro-freeways-light?odyssey=tab%7Ctopnews%7Ctext%7CFRONTPAGE>
6. *February 14, Bloomberg News* – (National) **U.S. pledges another unsafe-bus crackdown after crashes.** The U.S. Department of Transportation announced it will send investigators to inspect and shut down bus companies found to be unsafe and in violation of regulations following recent bus accidents.
Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2013-02-14/u-s-pledges-another-unsafe-bus-crackdown-after-crashes.html>
7. *February 14, WTTG 5 Washington D.C.* – (District of Columbia) **Miscommunication led to Metro Green Line meltdown.** Investigators found that a communications and protocol issue stranded thousands of passengers on the Metro's Green Line in January after a power loss.
Source: <http://www.myfoxdc.com/story/21201015/miscommunication-led-to-metro-green-line-meltdown#axzz2Kyjautb7>
8. *February 14, San Jose Mercury News* – (California) **Coast Guard, shipping officials**

pass new rules to restrict large ships from sailing near Bay Bridge in heavy fog. Shipping officials and the Coast Guard passed new regulations to restrict large vessels from sailing near the Bay Bridge after a January incident where an oil tanker hit a bridge tower.

Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/science/ci_22590801/coast-guard-shipping-officials-pass-new-rules-restrict

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Postal and Shipping Sector

9. *February 14, Associated Press* – (Washington) **Wash. man arrested with 1,000 lbs. of stolen mail.** Police in Port Townsend recovered more than 1,000 pounds of stolen mail after arresting a man February 12. The man is accused of taking the information from mailboxes in Kitsap, Jefferson, and surrounding counties at night to create false identities, use stolen credit cards, and pass bounced checks.

Source: http://dailyjournalonline.com/news/national/wash-man-arrested-with-lbs-of-stolen-mail/article_51d0c5f9-d3d7-5e01-8a4b-1154e1be0f53.html

10. *February 14, Lake County Record-Bee* – (California) **Mortar round located in package at UPS center.** Emergency response personnel responded to a UPS customer service center when an employee found a suspicious UPS package containing a mortar round addressed to a Clearlake, California resident. The bomb squad disarmed the round, which turned out to be inert.

Source: http://www.record-bee.com/ci_22592164/mortar-round-located-package-at-ups-center

11. *February 14, Bowie Patch* – (Maryland) **Bowie Police bust county-wide package theft scheme.** Two Greenbelt, Maryland residents were charged for allegedly stealing delivered packages from residences in Bowie and other parts of Prince George's County in December 2012 and January 2013.

Source: <http://bowie.patch.com/articles/bowie-police-bust-county-wide-package-theft-scheme>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

12. *February 15, Augusta Chronicle* – (Georgia) **FPL Food in Augusta closes for day because of ammonia leak.** A FPL Food meat-packing plant was evacuated and temporarily shut down following a leak of an estimated 56.5 pounds of ammonia. At least nine people were taken to the hospital for treatment and released.

Source: <http://chronicle.augusta.com/news/metro/2013-02-14/ammonia-leak-augusta-plant?v=1360847527>

13. *February 14, Food Safety News* – (Oregon; Washington) **Salmonella chicken outbreak affects 99 in Washington and Oregon.** Health official identified Foster Farms of Kelso, Washington as the source of an outbreak of Salmonella Heidelberg linked to chicken which sickened 43 people in Oregon and 56 in Washington.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/02/salmonella-chicken-outbreak-affects-99-in-washington-and-oregon/>
14. *February 14, Food Safety News* – (Illinois) **Roast beef recalled over Listeria concerns.** Perfect Pasta Inc. of Addison, Illinois recalled 315 pounds of ready-to-eat roast beef February 14 because the product may be harboring Listeria monocytogenes. The product was dated February 6 and distributed in five pound packages to companies in Chicago.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/02/roast-beef-recalled-over-listeria-concerns/>
15. *February 11, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Florida) **US Labor Department's OSHA cites Jacksonville, Fla.-based Bacardi Bottling following death of temporary worker on 1st day.** Bacardi Bottling Corp. was cited by the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration with a dozen safety violations after the August 2012 death of a temporary worker. The company failed to properly train temporary employees on critical safety measures.
Source:
http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=23640

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Water Sector

16. *February 15, Wheeling Intelligencer; Wheeling News-Register* – (West Virginia) **Water break floods South Wheeling area.** A water main break in Wheeling led to an unknown amount of damage February 14 as multiple streets were flooded with several inches of water and pavement buckled. City employees worked to find the source of the leak and worked to restore water by morning but struggled into the night to shut off the right valves.
Source: <http://www.theintelligencer.net/page/content.detail/id/581351/Water-Break-Floods-South-Wheeling-Area.html?nav=515>
17. *February 14, Associated Press* – (National) **Contaminated water from medicine threatens wild fish populations, study shows.** A study contends that small amounts of medicine in streams and rivers can alter the biology and behavior of fish and other marine animals. Water treatment facilities are currently not designed to remove un-metabolized drug traces from the water they clean.
Source: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/02/14/fish-drug-contaminated-water_n_2688901.html

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

18. *February 14, Softpedia* – (Florida) **Palm Beach Health Department clerk arrested for stealing details of 2,800 patients.** An employee of the Palm Beach Health Department was charged with taking personal records of more than 2,800 patients, which included their Social Security numbers, and using them to file false tax returns. Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Palm-Beach-Health-Department-Clerk-Arrested-for-Stealing-Details-of-2-800-Patients-329491.shtml>
19. *February 13, Boston Globe* – (Massachusetts) **Massachusetts finalizes rules allowing hospitals to share medications to ease shortages.** Public Health Regulars in Massachusetts approved a new directive February 13 allowing hospitals to share medication due to drug shortages. Source: <http://www.boston.com/whitecoatnotes/2013/02/13/massachusetts-finalizes-rules-allowing-hospitals-share-medications-ease-shortages/Lu4RzUpY3kjBVBL68jSrDM/story.html>

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Government Facilities Sector

20. *February 15, Fort Green-Clinton Hill Patch* – (New York) **4-alarm fire tears through Pratt Institute early Friday morning.** The top floor of Pratt Institute's Clinton Hill campus caught on fire February 15 as over 160 firefighters worked put out the flames. Two firefighters were injured and the building suffered significant damage. Source: <http://fortgreene.patch.com/articles/4-alarm-fire-tears-through-pratt-institute-early-friday-morning>
21. *February 15, Associated Press* – (South Carolina) **7 injured when truck, bus collide in Charleston.** A school bus crashed into a truck February 15 injuring five students and both drivers. All seven people were transported to a local hospital for non-life threatening injuries. Source: <http://www.fortmilltimes.com/2013/02/15/2499842/7-injured-when-truck-bus-collide.html>
22. *February 14, Associated Press* – (Minnesota) **Hundreds of students brawl at Minn. high school.** Officers used chemical spray to break up a melee at South High School after roughly 200 to 300 students were involved in a food fight. Four individuals were taken to the hospital after students used various kitchen utensils during the brawl. Source: <http://www.macon.com/2013/02/14/2357144/hundreds-of-students-brawl-at.html>
23. *February 14, Cumberland Times-News* – (Maryland) **'Chemical reaction bomb' exploded outside Fort Hill High.** A Fort Hill High School student was arrested when he detonated a homemade device outside of the school with several individuals around,

after transporting the chemical bomb on the school bus.

Source: <http://times-news.com/local/x766088401/-Chemical-reaction-bomb-exploded-outside-Fort-Hill-High>.

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Emergency Services Sector

24. *February 15, Honolulu Star Advisor* – (Hawaii) **Another Coast Guard aircraft tagged by laser pointer.** An aircraft landing at Kalaeloa Airfield February 12 was struck by a laser pointer, the third occurrence in four months. The aircraft landed safely and none of the eight members on board were affected.

Source:

http://www.staradvertiser.com/news/breaking/20130214_Another_Coast_Guard_aircraft_tagged_by_laser_pointer.html

25. *February 14, Associated Press* – (Georgia) **2 Ga. police officers arrested on theft charges.** Two officers from the Macon County Police Department were arrested and charged February 14 for taking in guns during investigations, reporting them as missing, and selling or giving them away.

Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/news/crime/article/2-Ga-police-officers-arrested-on-theft-charges-4280433.php>

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Information Technology Sector

26. *February 15, Softpedia* – (International) **RIM fixes remote code execution flaws in BlackBerry Enterprise Server components.** Research in Motion (RIM) released BlackBerry Enterprise Server 5.0.4 MR2 to address vulnerabilities that could be exploited to run arbitrary code.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/BlackBerry-Fixes-Remote-Code-Execution-Flaws-in-Enterprise-Server-Components-329891.shtml>

27. *February 15, Help Net Security* – (International) **iOS flaw used to bypass iPhone's lockscreen.** A way to bypass the lockscreen on iPhones running iOS 6.x was discovered which allows a person to access the device and its services.

Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=14425>

28. *February 15, eWeek* – (International) **Apple working on Exchange-crippling iOS 6.1 bug.** Apple reported that it is working to fix a problem with its iOS 6.1 mobile operating system that causes Exchange 2010 servers that iOS devices connect to to experience a spike in CPU and RAM usage.

Source: <http://www.eweek.com/security/apple-working-on-exchange-crippling-ios-6.1-bug/>

29. *February 14, Softpedia* – (International) **Two DOM-based XSS vulnerabilities addressed by Booking.com.** Booking.com corrected two cross-site scripting (XSS) vulnerabilities on their Web site spotted by a researcher.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Two-DOM-Based-XSS-Vulnerabilities-Addressed-by-Booking-com-329435.shtml>

30. *February 14, The Register* – (International) **Spammers unleash DIY phone number slurping web tool.** A new phone number harvesting tool was seen being offered for sale openly online, which allows the harvesting of users' phone numbers to be used in SMS spam campaigns or other fraud.

Source:

http://www.theregister.co.uk/2013/02/14/phone_harvesting_service_creates_spam_menace/

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Communications Sector

31. *February 15, WWBT 12 Richmond* – (Virginia) **12 Investigates: 911 failure during storms.** The Federal Communications Commission and the Virginia State Corporation Commission blamed Verizon and the condition of equipment in their Virginia offices for the inability of roughly 2 million people to reach emergency services after a June 2012 storm.

Source: <http://www.nbc12.com/story/21202544/12-investigates-cell-phone-failure-during-storms>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

32. *February 14, KENS 5, San Antonio* – (Texas) **Copper thieves strike San Antonio water utility.** A two man crew stole 200 feet of copper wire from a water station which led to the loss of water for thousands of residents. Thefts at phone companies and municipal services have led to increased rates for water, power, and phone services.

Source: <http://www.kens5.com/news/Copper-thieves-strike-SAs-water-utility-191265451.html>

33. *February 14, Jackson County Floridian* – (Florida) **Marianna Walmart evacuated after bomb threat.** A bomb threat led to a Walmart in Marianna being vacated for 2 and ½ hours February 14.
Source: http://www.jcfloridan.com/news/article_b7fc3342-772a-11e2-a295-001a4bcf6878.html
34. *February 14, Norwich Bulletin* – (Connecticut) **Ammonia spill closes Norwich ice rink for up to two weeks.** A February 13 ammonia spill at The Norwich Ice Rink will cause it to close for up to 2 weeks as crews will need to remove 4,000 gallons of brine.
Source: <http://www.norwichbulletin.com/news/x171148217/Ammonia-spill-closes-Norwich-ice-rink-for-up-to-two-weeks>
35. *February 13, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **Officials probe fires at Temple University building.** A series of small fires at a \$216 million dollar housing complex under construction at Temple University brought an investigation from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. Officials reported that 6 small fires over the past 2 days resulted in about \$100,000 in damages.
Source: <http://www.abc27.com/story/21143002/officials-probe-fires-at-temple-u-building>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

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Dams Sector

36. *February 15, Associated Press* – (West Virginia) **Feds ask W.Va. judge to shut down coal slurry dam.** The U.S. Department of Labor wants the 101 North Hollow Coal Refuse Impoundment near Century shut down because it failed to be inspected and certified for the past 2 years by a professional engineer and poses a safety risk.
Source: <http://www.wral.com/feds-ask-w-va-judge-to-shut-down-coal-slurry-dam/12111187/>
37. *February 14, Mineral Daily News Tribune* – (West Virginia) **Keyser sounds alarm over Dam Site 14 problems.** The city of Keyser expressed its concern over delays to work on Dam Site 14 that prevents the closing of dam gates, threatening the city's water supply.
Source: <http://www.newstribune.info/article/20130214/NEWS/130219941?refresh=true>

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